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Faced with the fate that awaits all magical girls, Kyouko slowly descends into the depths of despair alongside Sayaka.
Mami abandons the hopes she held dear throughout her life as a magical girl, and is on the verge of giving up on everything. But then, they are saved by — !?

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THE STORY SO FAR
Once they take on a job, they'll do whatever they have to do to see it through. That is the creed of the secret organization: MHSJ. Their mission this time: prevent the politically-motivated marriage of Princess Mami to Prince Sayaka.
The Boss (KB): "I'd prefer to take care of this *peacefully*, get what I'm saying?"
Our agent, codename K, has been given orders to see the mission through, whether the target lives or dies. Merciless directives from a merciless boss. And on top of that, K and the Princess have some bad blood between them....
H : "I need you to put your personal feelings aside and focus on the mission. My firearm is nothing compared to your spear, you see."
K : "Goddamn, I get it already, ya wuss. But... y'know, she..."
All eyes are on the sacred wedding that will be conducted under Her divine auspices.
And the agents of MHSJ are armed to the teeth, ready to face them.
It's a thrilling tale of mystery, intrigue, and action. And now... the finale!

I don't wanna! I'd rather die than leave Miki-san!
GEH..
That's enough, Mami! Get away from Sayaka!
HOMURA, DON'T DOOOOO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
As you wish.
Our Lady and Saviour sees what you're doing, Homu-raaaa!!
JUST CUT IT OUT ALREADY, DAMMIT !!!
If she wants to die, why don't we let her?
Sayakaaa! Mami-san! Run away! She's gonna kill you!!
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If I could redo my one and only wish,

I would wish to save my family's lives.
I wouldn't hesitate.

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I'M GOING TO BE ALONE FOREVER.

YOU KNOW,

IF I HAD WISHED TO SAVE MY FAMILY,

I COULD HAVE SAVED BOTH OF THEM...

WHY DID THAT WISH HAVE TO COME TRUE...?

WHAT GOOD IS IT FOR JUST ME TO BE ALIVE?

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

YOU SHOULD FIGHT ON, MAMI.

AND NOW, AS A MAGICAL GIRL, YOU MUST FIGHT WITCHES EVERMORE. THAT IS YOUR FATE AND YOUR DUTY.

YOUR LIFESPAN WAS EXTENDED BY YOUR CONTRACT.

...FIGHT ON?

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOUR POWER IS IMPORTANT.

WELL? WHAT DID YOU THINK OF YOUR FIRST BATTLE?

IT WAS FRIGHTEN-ING, I FEEL DRAINED.

...
PHEW.

BUT..

IF I DEFEAT WITCHES AND FAMILIARS,

PEOPLE'S LIVES WILL BE SAVED.

I'll save as many people as I can. That's what I've decided.

This must be what I was meant to do.

Using the magic I gained From my contract with Kyuubey,

I'LL... TRY MY HARDEST.

but I feel like every time I save someone else, I'm saving myself just a little bit.

I can't use magic to bring my parents back.

But that's okay with me.

Other magical girls don't seem to think the way I do.

Because I believe that what I'm doing is the right thing to do.

WOULD YOU MAKE ME YOUR APPRENTICE?

MAMI-SAN!

I'm going to be okay, mom and dad.

I'M SO GLAD I COULD MAKE FRIENDS WITH ANOTHER MAGICAL GIRL.

...ASKING IF SHE COULD BE MY APPRENTICE OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT,

WHAT A SURPRISE!

I'm not alone anymore, I'm not afraid or sad.

I'M HEADING BACK TO KASAMINO.

From now on, I'm going to protect this city with my friend and...

FROM NOW ON, I'LL FIGHT IN MY OWN WAY.

I THINK...

EVEN THOUGH I'VE FORSAKEN INNOCENT PEOPLE,

IF YOU STILL WANT TO TEAM UP WITH ME...

I'LL LOSE ALL RESPECT FOR YOU.

...it's going to be okay.

I mean, that's... I have to fight to help everyone.

If I couldn't save my family, then at least...

I mustn't change the way I do things.

Even if it means I can't get along with my friends,

Even if I'm alone, I'll be able to keep going.

NO...

I keep acting like I'm perfect even though I'm so weak. I'm just full of lies.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE OKAY...

to atone for having failed to save the people I love.

I didn't stick with being a magical girl

I NEVER WANTED TO BE A DEFENDER OF JUSTICE.

The truth is...

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

I SHOULD REALLY HAVE A BITING RETORT HERE, BUT...

OH BOY...

I'M HAPPY THAT I'M NEEDED BY YOU.

This... was the right thing to do.

...a-ha.

I didn't have to be stubborn and act tough.

COME ALONG...

KANAME-SAN IS WAITING FOR US.

Miki-san will accept me as I am.

THANK YOU, MAMI-SAN

I want to be with these girls forever...

BUT...

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I'm sorry ...

I'm sorry, Miki-san.

am no longer a defender of justice.

I really...

we might have recovered those wonderful days we once had

If only I had been honest with you sooner,

...but yet again, I failed to save the people I love.

MAMI-SAN...?

.....?

DID SOMETHING... HAPPEN?

DID YOU FIND SAYAKA -CHAN...?

...KANAME -SAN.

...I RAN INTO MIKI-SAN.

I THINK MIKI-SAN IS ALRIGHT NOW.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

OKAY ...?

WE JUST FINISHED CHATTING.

I GUESS YOU JUST MISSED HER.

SHALL I COME-...

ABOUT THAT...

WOULD YOU MIND IF IT WAS JUST MIKI-SAN AND ME TODAY?

IT STARTED RAINING, SO WE TIDIED OURSELVES UP AND

AGREED TO GO WITCH-HUNTING TOGETHER.

OH, I SEE. THANK GOODNESS...

AH...

thump

YOU SEE, I THINK MIKI-SAN WAS FEELING UNCOMFORT-ABLE ABOUT TALKING TO YOU, SO...

.....

R-RIGHT, OF COURSE. I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO IMPOSE...

UM, MAMI-SAN...

NO, THAT'S ALRIGHT. I'M SORRY TOO.

PLEASE WATCH OVER SAYAKA-CHAN

FROM NOW ON.

...ALRIGHT, SEE YOU TOMORROW, MAMI-SAN.

I promised I'd protect her, and yet...

I'm so sorry... Kaname-san

I'M NOT.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING.

THAT IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE TRUTH

...IS THAT TRUE?

IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN HER SOUL GEM — THE JEWEL CREATED FROM THE SOUL OF ONE WHO HAS MADE A CONTRACT — BECOMES TOO POLLUTED,

WHEN A MAGICAL GIRL HAS USED UP ALL HER MAGICAL ENERGY

THERE WAS NOTHING SO WRONG THAT I'D NEED TO CORRECT IT.

THAT'S THE FATE THAT AWAITS ALL OF US.

IT TURNS INTO A GRIEF SEED, AND SHE BECOMES A WITCH.

MIKI SAYAKA'S SOUL GEM BECAME ENTIRELY POLLUTED, AND SHE BECAME A WITCH.

THAT'S CORRECT.

DID SHE... DID SAYAKA REALLY TURN INTO A WITCH?

.....

SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL ALL MEET THE SAME END.

BUT I WON'T.

AKEMI HOMURA, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU WHERE YOU GOT THAT INFORMATION...

THAT'S THE FATE OF ALL MAGICAL GIRLS, TO BECOME WITCHES.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T GO TO SEE THEM NOW.

SO YOU'RE WILLING TO DIE AT HER HANDS?

...I BET MAMI'S GONNA BE THERE.

SHE'LL BE WORRIED.

NOW THAT TOMOE MAMI HAS LEARNED THE TRUTH.

WALK AWAY WITH YOUR HANDS UNSULLIED. YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON THEM.

...WHAT?

HOLD UP! WHY WOULD MAMI-

SHE MIGHT PLAN TO JOIN MIKI SAYAKA IN DEATH.

BY NOW, SHE MAY HAVE SUCCUMBED TO DESPAIR AND KILLED HERSELF, OR...

SHE ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE TRUTH OF BEING A MAGICAL GIRL.

THEN AGAIN, SHE MIGHT HAVE ALREADY TURNED INTO A WITCH..

...HOLD THE FUCK UP!

THE TOMOE MAMI I KNOW WOULD NEVER ...

YOU BARELY KNOW HER, BUT YOU STILL KEEP SAYING THIS SHIT...

SHE ISN'T THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'D TAKE HER OWN LIFE! SHE ISN'T THAT WEAK!

I DON'T KNOW HOW THE HELL YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MAGICAL GIRLS, AND I DON'T CARE.

BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE ABOUT HER...?

YOU ONLY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

HUH!? WHY, YOU...

YOU ONLY KNOW WHAT SHE'S LIKE ON THE SURFACE. YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO ARGUE WITH ME.

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT TOMOE MAMI.

Wh...

...LET GO OF ME.

I'D PREFER TO AVOID THESE POINTLESS QUARRELS.

THAT'S TOMOE MAMI'S TRUE NATURE.

IF YOU MEET HER AS SHE IS NOW, YOUR LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER.

DON'T TAKE MY WARNING TO BE A JOKE.

OH-HOH... SHE'S NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW.

...WHAT'S WITH YOU?

PERHAPS I HAVE.

THE WAY YOU'RE TALKING, IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU'VE TEAMED UP WITH HER BEFORE.

...THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

OF THE TIMES SHE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE ME.

CURRENTLY, TOMOE MAMI HAS NO MEMORIES

!

I NEVER TRUSTED YOU GUYS IN THE FIRST PLACE, SEE.

I WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL...

I SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM WITH MY OWN TWO EYES.

...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACHIEVE?

I'M KEEPING YOU FROM FOLLOWING ME.

IF SAYAKA REALLY DID TURN INTO A WITCH,

I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE HER HUMAN AGAIN.

IF YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT...

I WOULD RATHER THAT YOU NOT DIE FOR THE TIME BEING.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN JUST LEAVE HER BE, Y'KNOW.

IF MAMI REALLY IS THINKING OF DOING ANYTHING STUPID, I'LL CHANGE HER MIND... WITH MY FISTS IF I HAVE TO.

THEN WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO FACE WALPURGIS-NACHT.

AND IF THEY'RE BOTH DOING FINE AND ARE BACK TO BEING FRIENDS,

THAT WORKS OUT GOOD FOR YOU TOO, RIGHT?

...DO AS YOU LIKE.

BE SURE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY OUGHT TO PROTECT.

DON'T MESS UP.

JUST DON'T OVEREXTEND YOURSELF.

GOOD EVENING, SAKURA -SAN.

YO.

OH?

DON'T BE SUCH A STRANGER.

I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE, AND YET YOU'RE STILL HERE.

AFTER I POLISH OFF ONE OF THESE WITCHES, I'LL LEAVE, GET IT?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH LETTING ME HUNT A BIT?

I'D REALLY HATE TO LEAVE A GREAT HUNTING GROUND LIKE THIS.

...THAT WON'T DO.

I'M SORRY, BUT THIS TIME, I'M NOT GOING TO STAND DOWN.

BECAUSE I'M GOING TO DIE WITH THAT WITCH.

HUH? DID YOU GET HIT ON THE HEAD OR SOMETHING?

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET THAT WITCH GET TO SAYAKA, CAN WE?

.....

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.

I DON'T KNOW WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT IT... NOR DO I PARTICULARLY CARE.

I HAVE NO REASON TO CONTINUE LIVING AS A MAGICAL GIRL.

MOVE OUT OF MY WAY.

I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER.

THAT MAGICAL GIRLS, WHO FIGHT TO PROTECT PEOPLE,

ARE IN FACT WITCHES, WHO KILL PEOPLE...

I TURNED MIKI-SAN INTO A WITCH.

WHAT DID I END UP ACCOMPLISH-ING?

WAS I FIGHTING TO TURN A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE INTO A WITCH?

IF I'M GOING TO END UP MEETING THE SAME FATE...

IT'S LAUGH-ABLE...

I WAS SO WRAPPED UP IN MY PRIDE AND MY DESIRE FOR JUSTICE

THAT I STOOD BY AND LET THAT HAPPEN TO HER...

I MAY AS WELL DIE WITH HER HERE AND NOW...

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

I'VE ALREADY MADE MY DECISION.

IF YOU'D RATHER NOT GET INVOLVED, WOULD YOU MIND LEAVING QUIETLY?

YOU'RE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO RISK YOUR LIFE

TO SAVE SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO DIE.

AFTER ALL, SAKURA -SAN...

I'M NOT GONNA...

YOU'D NEVER USE MAGIC FOR ANYONE ELSE'S SAKE AGAIN?

WHEN YOU CUT TIES WITH ME, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT...

...YOU'RE JUST SO DAMNED FUSSY ABOUT EVERYTHING, SAME AS ALWAYS.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL REVISE WHAT I SAID, JUST A LITTLE BIT.

LEAVE YOU ALONE

WHEN YOU'RE LIKE THIS!

IF YOU WANNA SETTLE A DISPUTE BETWEEN MAGICAL GIRLS IN A JIFFY,

...IS THAT SO?

THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO DO IT.

AND IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO DO THAT?

...I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT.

VERY WELL.

WE'LL SETTLE THIS BY FORCE, JUST AS YOU WISH.

I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE GOING EASY ON YOU LIKE I DID THAT TIME.

I PLAN TO KILL YOU. ARE YOU READY.

SAKURA -SAN?

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT, COME AT ME!

LEMME SEE JUST HOW STRONG YOUR SO-CALLED RESOLVE IS!

...HMMM

THAT'S JUST PERFECT...

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

THIS'LL MAKE IT CLEAR WHICH ONE OF US IS REALLY STRONGER.

YOU WHEN YOU'RE NOT HOLDING BACK, OR ME...

IF YOU WANT TO FIND SAYAKA,

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME DOWN FIRST.

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IT SEEMS THAT THEY'VE STARTED FIGHTING.

NEITHER ONE SEEMS LIKELY TO BACK DOWN.

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEM, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE FIGHT?

WHAT OF THEM?

ISN'T SAKURA KYOUKO YOUR FRIEND?

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I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT SAKURA KYOUKO WOULD WANT ME TO HELP HER, IN ANY CASE.

I WON'T INTERFERE.

THEY STARTED IT, IT'S THEIR BUSINESS.

OR IS THERE SOME ULTERIOR REASON THAT YOU CAN'T GO TO HELP THEM?

I'D PREFER TO SEE THIS SETTLED PEACEFULLY.

THAT CERTAINLY IS TRUE OF KYOUKO, BUT...

...NOT PARTICULARLY.

Now that she's gone to find Tomoe Mami,

I have no choice but to count on her.

...I wouldn't be able to stop them alone anyway.

I SIMPLY DO NOT WISH TO WASTE MY ENERGY ON MEANINGLESS BATTLES.

Fuh

HUH...?

WHAT'RE YOU AIMING ...

Mami's strings...?

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO START BLEEDING ALL OVER, WOULD YOU?

YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T RUN AROUND SO CLUMSILY.

YOU CAN MAKE SOME PRETTY NIFTY THINGS NOW, HUH?

...HMMM.

WHEN THEY'RE SET UP ALL OVER THE PLACE LIKE THIS, THEY FUNCTION AS A RESTRAINT AND AS A WEAPON.

IT'S QUITE EFFECTIVE AGAINST AGILE LITTLE GIRLS LIKE YOU.

IT'S NOTHING TOO FANCY.

I JUST HARDENED THE THREADS A LITTLE BIT.

IF YOU USE THAT MUCH MAGICAL ENERGY...

.....

YOU'RE GOING TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO WIN HERE.

AREN'T YOU GONNA BE IN TROUBLE?

WORRIED ABOUT ME, ENEMY OF MINE?

I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO.

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, MAMI!

YOU IDIOT...

If this goes on too long, she won't be able to hold out.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU USE UP ALL YOUR MAGICAL ENERGY.

YOU'LL...!

She's abandoned all hope.

YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

GAHH

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YOU CAN'T SHOOT A GUN WITH AN ARM LIKE THAT.

THAT SETTLES IT.

STOP BEING STUPID ALREADY.

THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU.

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT THAT SAYAKA BECAME A WITCH...

THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO BRING HER BACK. ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GIVE UP SO SOON?

IN THAT CASE, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, SAKURA-SAN.

BASICALLY, YOU TOOK THE GRIEF SEEDS THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN FOR MIKI-SAN.

I HEARD THAT YOU'D BEEN COLLECTING MORE GRIEF SEEDS THAN YOU NEEDED, WITHOUT A CARE FOR THE DAMAGE YOU WERE CAUSING.

REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT I'D HEARD SOME BAD RUMORS ABOUT YOU?

...SEE? I'M AN AWFUL PERSON.

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

WHY DID YOU KEEP CAUSING ME TROUBLE?

WHEN YOU CAME BACK HERE, I LOST MY DEAR FRIENDS.

DID YOU REALLY FIND IT SO UNPLEASANT TO SEE ME ENJOYING MY LIFE?

I'M SURE I'LL BECOME A WITCH, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

I DON'T WANT TO BLAME PEOPLE OR RESENT PEOPLE,

BUT I KEEP THINKING THESE HORRIBLE THINGS, IT'S LIKE I'M DROWNING IN HATRED AND ILL WILL.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO JOIN HER.

...BUT, YOU KNOW? NO MATTER HOW WEAK I AM, MIKI-SAN WILL ACCEPT ME.

YOU'RE STRONG, SAKURA-SAN, YOU CAN FACE DESPAIR AND KEEP ON LIVING.

I'M EMOTIONALLY WEAK. I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER BE LIKE YOU.

I WON'T LET YOU STOP ME!

WH-

I'M SORRY, SAKURA-SAN.

I DIDN'T WANT TO BE SO VIOLENT,

BUT OTHERWISE,

I COULDN'T HAVE...

WHA...

I REALLY WAS ABOUT TO DIE THERE, DAMMIT...

YOU'RE ONE HELL OF A SORE LOSER!

YOU'RE INJURED, SO JUST ACCEPT DEFEAT!

HA! YOU'RE NOT GET-TING...

NICE TRY.

THIS IS PAYBACK.

I'd better apologize to Sayaka-chan tomorrow

And I'll tell Mami-san what I've been keeping a secret, too.

And...

I PRAY THAT KYOUKO-CHAN AND MAMI-SAN BECOME FRIENDS AGAIN...

I pray that we will get along with Homura-chan, too.

I pray that everyone will get along well without any fighting

FINISH ME OFF?

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?

...WELL?

IF I WERE TO STOP NOW,

I'D HAVE NO RESOLVE TO SPEAK OF.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BEFORE I CAME HERE, THAT DAMN HOMURA GAVE ME A WARNING.

SHE SAID MY LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER IF I RAN INTO YOU.

.....

IT'S TRUE.

SHE WAS RIGHT.

BUT NOW THAT I'M STRUNG UP LIKE THIS

IT'D BE RIDICULOUS TO KEEP ON BELIEVING.

SO I CAME TO PICK A FIGHT WITH YOU.

I FIGURED THERE WAS NO WAY THAT COULD BE TRUE,

THE WHOLE TIME I FOUGHT YOU, I BELIEVED YOU WEREN'T LIKE THAT.

...THAT'S NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

I'M SORRY TO HAVE BETRAYED YOUR EXPEC-TATIONS.

.....

I'M THE ONE WHO BETRAYED YOU FIRST, ANYWAY.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOU BELIEVED IN ME, RIGHT?

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE EXPECTED THAT I WOULD BETRAY YOU.

I BET THAT I HURT YOU TIME AFTER TIME.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR GOODWILL AND RUNNING MY MOUTH.

I WAS ALWAYS SELFISH,

...WHAT'S YOUR POINT? ARE YOU GOING TO BEG FOR YOUR LIFE?

SO IF YOU HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST ME, WELL, THAT'S NO SURPRISE.

I JUST... WANTED TO APOLOGIZE.

I GUESS THIS IS JUST THE FRUIT OF MY LABORS.

GO AHEAD.

SHOOT ME.

IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY,

I'M SORRY, MAMI-SAN.

...WAIT FOR ME.

...ON

SO YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SURVIVED.

...ما

...ما

WELL, I'M GLAD TO SEE AT LEAST YOU ALIVE AND WELL.

WHAT A SHAME.

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU RAN OUT OF MAGICAL ENERGY BEFORE YOU COULD FIND SAYAKA.

YOUR SOUL GEM IS AT ITS LIMIT.

KYUU... BEY...

IT SHOULD BE A WHILE BEFORE A WITCH HATCHES... BUT I'LL STAY HERE TO SEE YOU OFF.

THAT, TOO, IS ONE OF MY DUTIES.

...became a witch.

I...

...oh.

I'm sorry I couldn't be with you.

Miki-san

But I always fail when it matter's most...

If only I had been stronger-willed... I could've done anything.

I really am no good...

always going to end up alone.

That's why I'm...

I LOST AGAIN!

UU...

YOU STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN.

YOU CAN USE AS MANY AS YOU WANT, HOWEVER YOU WANT, RIGHT?

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD ESCAPE THAT!

THOSE RIBBONS ARE UNFAIR, MAMI-SAN!

THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR ILLUSION MAGIC?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO CALL MY MAGIC UNFAIR,

AUU...

ARE YOU PLANNING TO MAKE EXCUSES LIKE THAT IN ACTUAL BATTLES, TOO?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "UNFAIR" WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING A WITCH.

Ack-

THEN HOW ABOUT THIS? I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU...

BUT THERE'S A REWARD FOR YOU IF YOU WIN.

COULDN'T YOU AT LEAST GO A LITTLE EASIER ON ME?

I WANT TO WIN AT LEAST ONCE...

NO, I COULDN'T! THAT WOULDN'T MAKE FOR GOOD PRACTICE, WOULD IT?

Meanie...

!!

THAT'S AWE-SOME! I'M IN!

IF YOU BEAT ME, I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO DO.

...BUT YOU KNOW, SAKURA -SAN?

IF YOU KEEP IT UP, YOU'LL BE BETTER THAN ME BEFORE LONG.

YOU REALLY MEAN ANYTHING, RIGHT!?

Geez...

AS LONG AS IT'S SOMETHING I'M CAPABLE OF DOING.

YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES, AND YOU'VE BEEN IMPROVING VERY QUICKLY.

IF YOU CAN COVER UP YOUR WEAK POINTS WITH HEALING MAGIC,

I THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BECOME THE BEST THERE IS.

RE- REALLY?

REALLY.

SO BE CONFIDENT.

I'M PROUD TO BE FRIENDS WITH SUCH AN EXCELLENT MAGICAL GIRL.

...UM, MAMI-SAN...

WHAT IS IT?

...YOU KNOW, MAMI-SAN?

YOU KEEP SAYING I'M YOUR FRIEND, BUT...

A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THAN...

I WOULD SEE A FRIEND.

I THINK I SEE YOU

ER... I DON'T MEAN IT IN A WEIRD WAY.

JUST...

WHAT DO YOU... MEAN?

...NAH.

NEVER MIND!

LET'S GO!

...Oh. So...

RIGHT... THAT MAKES SENSE.

...I'm not her friend...

Sakura-san's only with me so she can become stronger as a magical girl

She'll leave me once she's a full-fledged magical girl

-In that case, I'll do whatever I can...

to get her to stay with me for a little while longer.

I'll be the strongest, most reliable girl...

I'll be refined and kind to everyone

I'll become the perfect ideal of a magical girl

And then

Why don't you stop doing that?

Even if you push yourself past your limits,

no matter how hard you try,

nobody will reciprocate for you.

They'll leave you behind and vanish.

They're all cruel.

...But it's going to be alright.

I-found a wonderful way to ensure-that you'll never be alone again

Create a world that is ideal to you.

They'll never leave you, like Miki-san did.

They'll never tell you that you're not their friend, like Sakura-san did.

Your ideal friends will never betray you.

...of course.

You can all lose track of time while you have fun tea parties.

If I become a witch,

all of them will be with me forever...

SURPRISED?

COME TO YOUR SENSES YET?

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...I SEE.

YEP.

YOU REGAINED A FRACTION OF YOUR ILLUSION MAGIC.

YOU'VE GOTTA SAVE YOUR TRUMP CARD FOR THE VERY END.

EVEN IF SHE WAS MY FRIEND AT ONE POINT, IT'S NOT LIKE I'D GO WAVING IT AROUND, Y'KNOW?

...WELL, THANKS TO THAT, I'M HERE NOW.

SO ANYWAY...

.....

WITHOUT A GRIEF SEED, EVEN THE GREAT MAMI-SENPAI'D BE DONE FOR.

UNFORTU-NATELY, I DON'T HAVE ONE EITHER....

...HEY...

THAT'S NOT IT.

I KNOW IT'S MY FAULT I COULDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IT THEN, BUT...

IS IT BECAUSE I ACTED LIKE I WAS GONNA BETRAY YOU AGAIN?

...ARE YOU STILL... MAD AT ME?

THERE ARE THINGS THAT I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR TOO, SAKURA-SAN.

CAN WE HAVE A REVIEW MEETING AGAIN?

...THAT'S OKAY. I'M GOING TO TALK, SO PLEASE LISTEN TO ME.

...WHAT?

REMEMBER? WHENEVER WE FINISHED A BATTLE, WE'D ALWAYS HAVE ONE.

WE'D DRINK TEA AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WENT WELL AND WHAT WENT POORLY.

WANTED TO BE YOUR FRIEND.

I ALWAYS

but I always wanted to be your friend, not some distant person.

I guess I was never anything more than your senpai,

I never had the courage to get closer to you, though, so I never said anything.

...IT'S YOUR TURN NOW, SAKURA-SAN.

.....

BACK THEN, IF I HAD HAD THE COURAGE, WE COULD'VE AVOIDED ALL THIS FIGHTING. THAT'S WHAT I THINK WENT POORLY.

the only thing that connected us was combat. I regret that.

Even though we were both lonely magical girls without families,

I KNEW IT WAS A FAKE.

What!?

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU HAD TRICKED ME WITH YOUR ILLUSION MAGIC?

WHY DON'T WE HAVE ANOTHER SPECIAL TRAIN-ING SESSION AFTER I GET BETTER?

YOUR OLD *ROSSO PHANTASMA* MOVE WAS MUCH MORE ELEGANT.

THERE'S NO WAY I WOULDN'T NOTICE AFTER KICKING YOU LIKE THAT.

WHADDAYA... YOU... YOU LIAR!

...DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF!

EVEN IF I'M ALONE, I'M NOT GONNA LOSE, AND SOMEDAY I'LL BE BETTER THAN YOU, AND...

I'M NOT GONNA GO MAKING FRIENDS WITH OTHER PEOPLE JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT!

EVEN THE STRONGEST PEOPLE HAVE THEIR WEAKNESSES.

THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO LEARN FROM YOU ANYMORE!

I'VE ALREADY FOUGHT YOU ENOUGH!

YOU THINK SO? EVEN A NEWBIE LIKE MIKI-SAN COULD DO THAT.

THAT'S WHY WE MUSTN'T BE ALONE.

LET'S SAY THAT THERE'S SOME SORT OF MAGIC YOU'RE NOT GOOD WITH. I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT THAT WOULD BE,

BUT WHAT IF YOU HAD SOMEONE WITH YOU WHO WAS SKILLED AT IT?

YOU WOULD COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER, COVERING UP EACH OTHER'S WEAKNESSES.

YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING IN YOUR WAY

OR THAT YOU WANT TO SHOW OFF BY YOURSELF ...

TELLING LIES LIKE THAT JUST LEADS TO LONELINESS.

IF YOU ACT TOUGH AND PUT ON AIRS LIKE THAT, YOU'LL END UP LOSING YOUR CHANCE AT HAPPINESS.

WE COULD'VE HAD A BETTER FUTURE THAT WAY.

...THAT CONCLUDES THIS REVIEW MEETING.

AND THEN, GO SEE MIKI-SAN.

FINISH ME OFF.

DON'T FIGHT AMONGST YOURSELVES. FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT EVERYONE.

MAKE FRIENDS WITH MAGICAL GIRLS WHO YOU CAN WHOLLY ACCEPT.

DON'T BE LIKE ME - DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.

...YOU WANTED TO RESCUE HER, RIGHT? I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT... YOU CAN SAVE HER.

...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...

I'LL LEAVE THIS TOWN TO YOU GIRLS...

I TRIED TO KILL YOU, YOU KNOW?

I PROVOKED YOU INTO FIGHTING ME, THAT'S ALL!

WHY?

I... DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN JUST END THIS BY DYING?

IF WE'RE ALL GOING TO BECOME WITCHES, THEN WE HAVE TO DIE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOULDER ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY BY YOURSELF!

I WAS THE ONE AT FAULT, RIGHT? THAT'S JUST FINE BY ME!

IF I CAN'T SAVE ANYONE, THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO LIVE ANY LONGER!

PLEASE... I'M BEGGING YOU... KILL ME!

HOW THE HELL DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO THAT?

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EVEN IF I LAMENT MY PAST AND REGRET EVERYTHING NOW, MY SOUL GEM WON'T GET ANY CLEARER...

THERE'S SOMEBODY YOU SAVED RIGHT HERE!

YOU'RE...

YOU'RE TOMOE MAMI...

...THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE LEFT.

I think I see you a little differently than I would see a friend...

...NAH. NEVER MIND!

if I told her she was like a real sister to me.

I think Mami-san would laugh at me

...FA... FATHER....

...I'M A...

THIS... WELL...

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT....

...MAGICAL GIRL.

THAT'S WHY I...

COME WITH ME.

I JUST WANTED TO HELP YOU OUT.

AND PLUS, MAGICAL GIRLS HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE.

Where did my loving, kind father go?

Where...

Why is he saying such cruel things?

I'm not a witch...

...DID FATHER DO IT?

DON'T WORRY, IT WASN'T TOO BAD.

I WAS A BIT CLUMSY. A VASE BROKE AND I CUT MY HAND ON IT.

MOTHER? WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOUR HAND?

IT ISN'T ANYBODY'S FAULT.

IT'S ALL MY ..

DON'T BLAME FATHER.

IT ..

IT'S MY FAULT!

DOING YOUR BEST TO HELP EVERYBODY.

SINCE BOTH YOU AND FATHER HAVE BEEN

I'M SORRY.

I'M SO SORRY.

MOTHER...

MOMO...

FATHER...

I might've become a witch right then.

If I had never met Mami,

I thought of you.

Right when I had lost everything and was about to succumb to despair,

That's why I wasn't alone.

but you treated me the way a real big sister would.

You weren't really family,

GAVE ME STRENGTH AND ALLOWED ME TO HOPE.

EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR ME

YOU'VE STAYED ALIVE AND BEEN THERE FOR ME UP TILL NOW.

I'M ONLY ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE

I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE THE DEATH OF ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER.

NOT AGAIN.

I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL YOU. THAT WAS ALL A LIE.

THAT'S WHY I CAME TO THIS TOWN.

I WAS GOING ABOUT IT WRONG, BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU GUYS COULD BE HAPPY.

ANYWAY, YOU GOT THROUGH THIS WITHOUT HURTING ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS,

AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE SAFE NOW. THAT'S ALL I COULD ASK FOR.

...THOUGH I GUESS THAT SOUNDS KINDA WEIRD COMING FROM ME.

I'M GONNA GO AND BRING SAYAKA BACK.

...WELL, THEN.

YOUR SOUL GEM IS SAFE NOW.

.....

YOU CAN'T MOVE, CAN YOU? YOU'D JUST GET IN MY WAY.

...WAIT... I WANT TO...

YOU JUST STAY THERE.

...THEN PROMISE ME.

PROMISE ME... THAT YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME AGAIN.

SISTERS SHOULDN'T WORRY ONE ANOTHER.

I SWEAR BY THIS.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME, SO I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK TO GET IT FROM YOU.

AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT, I WON'T DIE.

I'M NOT GIVING IT TO YOU, OKAY?

SO YOU'D BETTER NOT GIVE UP HOPE EITHER, OKAY?

...YEAH. I PROMISE.

LET'S ALL HAVE CAKE WHEN YOU GET BACK.

IF I GET BACK SAFELY,

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER BOUT, LIKE BACK THEN.

...WE'LL CALL THIS ONE MY LOSS.

Fssssssh

AND THEN... IF I BEAT YOU THIS TIME,

...THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO DO.

FRIENDS... EH?

...WELL, NO.

YOU AND I NEVER SAW EYE TO EYE.

BECOME A WITCH.

I NEVER SAW MIKI SAYAKA

SO I DUNNO IF

YOU'RE REALLY SAYAKA.

I told you I'd do something abut Sayaka, but...

I'm gonna break that promise.

Sorry, Madoka.

If I keep thinking that way, I wonder if my spear will feel lighter.

Oh,
Lord...

I never wanted to save the world or make everybody happy.

I never wanted to play God like that.

If I could just save my family,

and my friends...

If I could just be a hero like that, I'd be happy.

...listen, Father.

I saved someone who was going to commit suicide.

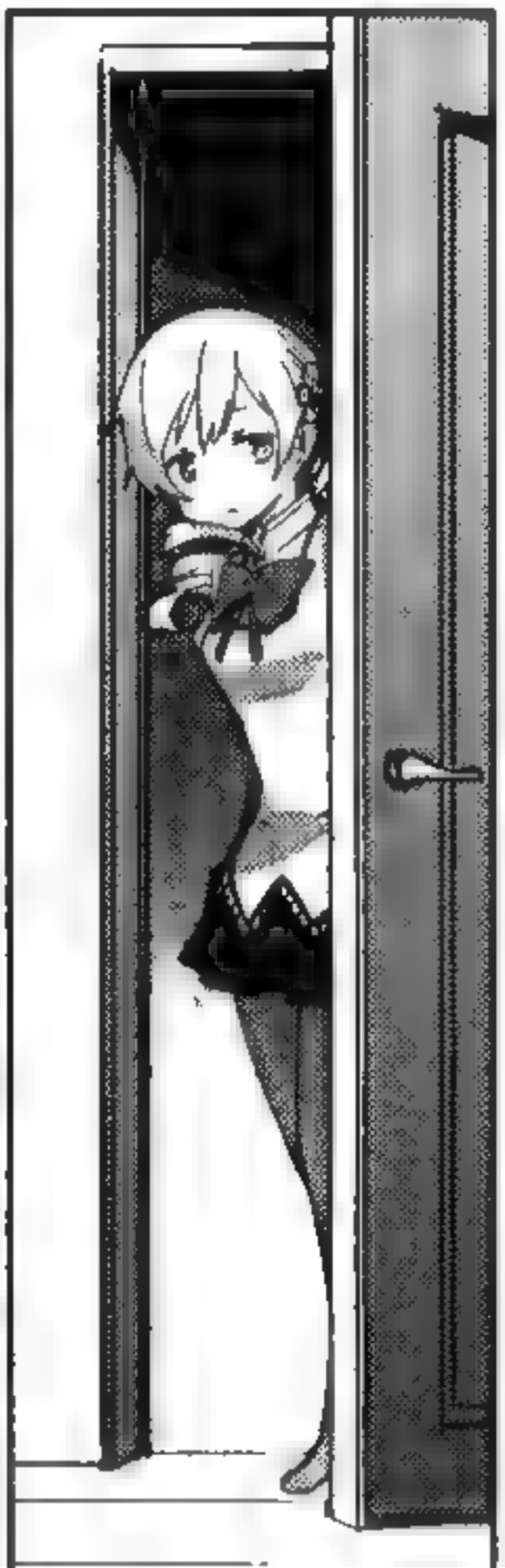
I defeated another witch today.

I wonder if...

that's... a bad thing.

How did I...
MAMI-SAN...?

This...
...is my home...



KANAME -SA-...

Wa~!?

THANK GOODNESS, MAMI-SAN!

YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR A WHOLE DAY.

KANAME -SAN, WHY ARE YOU...

WE FOUND YOU OUT THERE BY YOURSELF. YOU WERE UNCON-SCIOUS.

HOMURA-CHAN WENT TO SAVE YOU.

AKEMI-SAN...

WE LET OURSELVES IN WITH YOUR KEY. MY APOLOGIES.

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO REST IN A FAMILIAR PLACE.

...by myself...?

That's right... I passed out after that.

WEREN'T THEY WITH ME?

WHAT ABOUT MIKI-SAN AND SAKURA-SAN?

I'M GLAD WE WERE AT LEAST ABLE TO SAVE YOU, MAMI-SAN...

MIKI SAYAKA WAS KILLED BY A WITCH.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SAKURA KYOUKO.

What's going on...?

I WAS ONLY ABLE TO SAVE YOU.

BY THE TIME I FOUND YOU, IT WAS TOO LATE.

WAIT A MINUTE.

Miki-san was killed by a witch?

EVEN MAMI-SAN...

.....

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, HOMURA-CHAN...

I don't want Madoka to find out.

DID A WITCH REALLY KILL...

AKEMI-SAN...?

We need to talk.

ARE YOU SURE THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS ACCURATE?

YOUR PARENTS WILL BE WORRIED.

MADOKA, IT MIGHT BE BEST IF YOU WENT HOME NOW.

...OKAY.

I'M SURE YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME.

SORRY AND THANKS, HOMURA -CHAN.

LEAVE THE REST TO ME.

...SO, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

LET ME SET EVERYTHING STRAIGHT.

TOMOE MAMI.

I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO HELP ME OUT,

Introducing the guest characters.

Two sisters, both magical girls, and both also witches. The white one is the older sister, and the black one is the younger one. The elder sister captures prey and liquefies it; the younger sister then turns that liquid into nectar. One is a pin, while the other is a pincushion. They'll be together forever; friends forever.

AKEMI-SAN, YOU KNEW THAT...

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MIKI-SAN WOULD BECOME A WITCH.

AND THAT I'D...

I GOT LUCKY.

...I DID.

I DID NOT EXPECT THAT YOU WOULD STILL BE ALIVE, THOUGH.

LET'S GET TO THE POINT.

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IF SAKURA-SAN HADN'T CLEANSED MY SOUL GEM, I'D BE LONG GONE.

THOUGH IT'S NOT LIKE... I'M A PARTICU-LARLY LUCKY PERSON.

I'M ONLY HERE BECAUSE MY FRIENDS SUPPORTED ME.

THE WALPUR-GISNACHT

IS NEARBY, ISN'T IT?

I HAVE JOINED UP WITH SAKURA KYOUKO IN ORDER TO DEFEAT IT.

INDEED, IT WILL BE HERE SOON.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ENLIST YOUR HELP IN PUTTING A STOP TO IT.

THAT'S ALL I WANT FROM YOU.

I WAITED FOR THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOU IN ON THE PLAN.

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THAT'S WHY.

WILL YOU HELP US?

I UNDER-STAND THAT,

BUT WHY WOULD YOU WAIT UNTIL NOW TO...

IF I HAD TOLD YOU THIS EARLIER, WOULD YOU HAVE BELIEVED ME?

?

SAKURA-SAN REMEMBERED THAT.

...I SEE.

SO IT FINALLY CAME TO PASS

LONG AGO... THE TWO OF US MADE A PROMISE.

WE SWORE THAT WE'D DEFEAT A WALPURGIS-NACHT,

THAT WE'D PROTECT THIS TOWN TOGETHER.

WE TALKED ABOUT THAT ONCE.

...yeah. I promise.

I SWORE THAT I'D NEVER LEAVE HER SIDE, AND SHE SWORE THE SAME.

Let's all have cake when you get back.

SO, WILL YOU HELP US?

SHE AND I NOW HAVE ANOTHER PROMISE CONNECTING US.

...DO YOU NOT TRUST ME?

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU... BUT WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE?

I DON'T KNOW WHERE SAKURA KYOUKO IS, THAT'S THE TRUTH.

I HAVEN'T SEEN MIKI SAYAKA'S BARRIER, EITHER.

IT'S CERTAINLY MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN,

BUT IF THE TWO OF THEM AREN'T HERE..

...I'LL...

PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T BE SPEAKING CONJECTURALLY, BUT...

WAS YOUR SOUL GEM REALLY CLEANSED?

DO YOU THINK THAT SHE COULD AFFORD TO KEEP AN EXTRA, UNUSED GRIEF SEED WITH HER?

AND ON TOP OF THAT, THE TWO OF YOU HAD JUST BEEN FIGHTING.

YOU JUST MENTIONED THAT SAKURA KYOUKO CLEANSED YOUR SOUL GEM,

...WHA...?

COULDN'T SHE HAVE USED HER ILLUSION MAGIC?

BUT... I'M SURE I SAW HER CLEANSE MY SOUL GEM.

What are you... trying to say?

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...then...

DO YOU MEAN THAT SAKURA-SAN KILLED MIKI-SAN!?

...DO-...

That Soul Gem

Sakura-san was

which witch

THAT CAN'T BE! THAT WOULD BE TOO TRAGIC, TOO-

I WONDER.

IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO RESTORE THE ENERGY SHE SPENT FIGHTING YOU.

EVEN IF SHE DID HAVE AN EXTRA GRIEF SEED,

whose?

a Grief Seed...?

HOWEVER IT TURNED OUT, I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT BOTH OF THEM ARE UNHARMED.

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FOR THE TIME BEING, SHOULDN'T YOU BE HAPPY THAT YOU WERE SAVED,

...MAMI?

...DO YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING?

I CERTAINLY DID.

YOU MUST HAVE SEEN WHAT HAPPENED.

KYUUBEY...! THAT'S RIGHT, YOU WERE WITH SAKURA-SAN!

MIKI SAYAKA AND SAKURA KYOUKO HAVE BOTH CEASED TO BE.

THAT...
WAS CLOSE.

I'M NOT GONNA LET MAMI DIE HERE.

IF I DID, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FACE SAYAKA.

IT'S FINE.

DO YOU THINK THIS IS FOR THE BEST?

MAMI WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO SUFFER LIKE THIS EITHER.

IF SAYAKA AND I HADN'T BEEN SO STUBBORN - IF WE HADN'T FOUGHT,

WHAT THE HELL KIND OF SISTER WOULD I BE IF I COULDN'T DO SOMETHING FOR HER?

I JUST WANTED A CHANCE TO MAKE UP WITH HER.

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THE WALPURGIS-NACHT.

IF I HAD APOLOGIZED TO HER RIGHT AWAY,

I MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER, LIKE YOU SAID...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORGIVE ME RIGHT AWAY. I'LL LIVE ON SO THAT I CAN ATONE FOR MY SINS.

I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE IT BACK.

Kyouko ran out of magical energy, and was defeated.

After fighting her way to the center of another witch's barrier,

IF SHE HAD CONTINUED TO COLLECT GRIEF SEEDS AT HER USUAL PACE, SHE MIGHT HAVE SURVIVED.

SHE, TOO, WAS A FOOL.

AFTER ALL, YOU AVOIDED HUNTING WITCHES TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE POSSIBLE.

YOU WERE NOT THE DIRECT CAUSE OF MIKI SAYAKA BECOMING A WITCH.

I WILL REVISE ONE OF MY EARLIER STATEMENTS.

THAT WORKED OUT WELL FOR ME.

THE LONGER YOU REMAINED IN A STALEMATE, THE FURTHER YOUR SOUL GEMS WOULD BE POLLUTED.

I IMAGINE THAT YOU PLANNED TO DO SO IN ORDER TO ALLOW HER TO HUNT THEM IN YOUR STEAD,

BUT SHE HERSELF DIDN'T ACT AS YOU EXPECTED.

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ll the
tches
urself.

You hate losing Grief Seeds to other people, right?

IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE IF MAMI AND KYOUKO BOTH BECAME WITCHES, TOO...

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In short, we defeat all the witches and familiars. Isn't that...

Oh, ot...!

That way I can focu on the familiars

Well both be happy, and the town would be safe. It works out

TOY WITH OUR LIVES LIKE THAT?

HOW CAN YOU

ALL I DID WAS GRANT YOUR WISHES.

WHY DO YOU DO THESE THINGS TO US...?

IF I HAVE TO SACRIFICE MY FRIENDS TO LIVE ON, THEN I'D...

WHY ARE YOU SO CONCERNED WITH WHETHER YOUR FRIENDS LIVE OR DIE?

NO!

AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT YOU HAD THE ABILITY TO GAIN SOMETHING AS VALUABLE AS WHAT YOU WISHED FOR?

The wish you made when you forged a contract with me was surely a wish of your own volition.

AT THIS POINT, IS ANOTHER TWO FRIENDS REALLY SUCH A BIG DEAL?

THINK OF HOW MANY MAGICAL GIRLS PERISHED BY YOUR HAND.

IN ORDER TO FULFILL YOUR WISH TO LIVE ON,

WHILE THOSE GIRLS DIED, FIGHTING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE?

WHY DID SOMEONE AS SELFISH AS ME GET TO LIVE

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

I ALWAYS LIED TO MYSELF, SAYING THAT I WAS DOING IT FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE.

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DESERVED TO BE SAVED.

BUT I WAS ALWAYS JUST FIGHTING FOR MY OWN SAKE.

I COULD'VE BEEN HAPPY FOREVER IF ONE OF THEM HAD DONE AWAY WITH ME...

DO YOU WANT TO DIE THAT BADLY?

DOES THAT MEAN... YOU'LL KILL ME?

...WHAT?

I'D BE SO...

DON'T BE ABSURD.

YOU WANT ME TO KILL YOU BECAUSE THERE'S NOBODY ELSE AROUND TO DO IT?

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN WILL DIE.

IF THE WALPURGIS-NACHT MATERIALIZES,

YOU CAN'T LOSE YOUR COOL. DON'T BE MISLED BY HIS WORDS.

IF YOU DIE NOW, EVERYTHING YOU FOUGHT TO PROTECT WILL BE STOLEN AWAY FROM YOU IN AN INSTANT BY THAT WITCH.

I KNOW THAT YOU SAVED MANY, MANY MORE LIVES.

NO MATTER HOW MANY WITCHES YOU HAD TO KILL,

INSTEAD OF FAILING TO RECOGNIZE YOUR LIMITS AND SUFFERING RUINATION,

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO ACCEPT YOUR LIMITS AND KEEP ON LIVING?

BUT... THE TWO OF THEM...

EVERYBODY HAS SOME THINGS THEY JUST CAN'T DO.

ONCE UPON A TIME, SOMEONE RESCUED ME.

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but before she went, we made a promise, and she entrusted me with the task of surviving.

In the end, she was unable to escape the fate that befalls all magical girls...

She saved me, going so far as to kill a friend precious to her.

A conflict among my friends had erupted, and I was in a bad situation.

UNTIL I FULFILL MY PROMISE WITH HER.

I WON'T LET THE LIFE SHE SAVED GO TO WASTE.

IF YOU, TOO, MADE A PROMISE,

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO FULFILL IT.

EVEN IF YOU'RE SEPARATED BY DEATH, YOUR FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER WILL REMAIN.

THEY REVERSED THE FATE THAT I BELIEVED TO BE UNCHANGEABLE.

I MUST ALSO BEAR SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILING TO SAVE YOUR FRIENDS.

THAT IS PRECISELY WHY I DON'T WANT YOU TO LET YOUR LIFE GO TO WASTE.

IF YOU WISH TO ANSWER THEIR FEELINGS, THEN PLEASE: FIGHT ALONGSIDE ME.

I'M SORRY.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. I GOT A BIT EMOTIONAL.

CALMED DOWN?

WHAT A STRANGE FEELING.

YOU HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE ONE TEACHING ME.

NO, NO, IT WAS MY FAULT.

?

...IT'S NOTHING.

...YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT MAKES SENSE.

WE OUGHT TO CONCEAL OUR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM HER SO THAT SHE CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY.

I ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM TELLING KANAME MADOKA ABOUT THIS CONVERSATION.

-TOMORROW, I WILL ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN,

SO PLEASE DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL HELP ME.

I AWAIT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM YOU.

LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

IT'D BE BEST FOR ME IF-...

WILL YOU JOIN UP WITH AKEMI HOMURA?

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU.

LET ME BE ALONE.

...IS THAT SO.

I DON'T MIND LEAVING YOU ALONE,

SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE...

RIGHT. I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.

YOU DIDN'T GO HOME, KANAME-SAN?

THERE'S SOMETHING I JUST HAD TO TELL YOU.

I'VE BEEN KEEPING IT ALL TO MYSELF.

I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL YOU OR SAYAKA-CHAN, SO...

WHAT IS IT...?

I WAS FRIENDS WITH SAKURA KYOUKO-CHAN.

UM...

I met Kyouko-chan a while after she and Homura-chan saved all of us.

YOU'RE SAKURA -SAN... RIGHT?

THANKS FOR SAVING US YESTERDAY...

I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET.

IF YOU WANT TO THANK SOMEONE, THANK HOMURA.

I WAS JUST THERE TO HUNT THE WITCH.

I'M KANAME MADOKA.

...BU-BUT SAKURA-SAN, YOU...

JUST CALL ME KYOUKO. I DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED "SAKURA -SAN".

UH, UM...

This is really awkward already

even though I tried to start a conversation.

.....

YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WONDERING...

WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING THEM AROUND?

YOU DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL IN THE FIRST PLACE, DID YOU?

...HOW COULD YOU TELL?

IT JUST FELT THAT WAY.

....UM....

I always clung to Sayaka-chan,

...I'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH SAYAKA-CHAN SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

and whenever something happened, she'd protect me.

I thought she was really cool. I looked up to her.

On the other hand, I could never come to like myself. I was always causing trouble for the people around me...

I wasn't good at anything.

I just sort of wanted to be helpful to someone.

And then, I met Mami-san.

If I became a magical girl,

I could be really cool like Sayaka-chan and Mami-san...

and Kyuubey told me I could become one.

I learned about magical girls,

It was surprising, but it made me happy.

But...

she became a magical girl first.

And over time,

I felt Sayaka-chan drifting further and further away from me.

JUST IN TIME, HUH, MAMI-SAN!

and after teaming up with Mami-san, she became even more so...

REALLY!?

YOU'RE IMPROVING QUITE QUICKLY.

Sayaka-chan was always a reliable person,

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, MAMI-SAN!

I wanted to tell them that I wanted to become a magical girl too.

...ER, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I KNOW WE HAVEN'T REALLY TALKED MUCH BEFORE.

YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO THIS EITHER...

EVEN IF I'M THEIR FRIEND NOW,

I'M SCARED THAT I'LL GET IN THEIR WAY.

IT WOULD BE AWFUL IF I MESSED UP THEIR BEAUTIFUL TEAMWORK.

WANT SOME?

HERE.

BACK WHEN I WAS MAMI'S APPRENTICE,

I REALLY RESPECTED HER FOR BEING STRONG AND RELIABLE.

I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HER.

...SO, YOU'VE HEARD THAT MAMI AND I USED TO WORK TOGETHER?

YES, MAMI-SAN TOLD ME A LITTLE BIT.

BUT I ENDED UP BEING UNABLE TO STAY WITH HER FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

AND I SAID SOME THINGS I SHOULDN'T HAVE - THINGS I DIDN'T EVEN BELIEVE.

BUT THE NEXT TIME I SAW HER, I JUST COULDN'T ACCEPT THE WAY SHE DID THINGS

I SHOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY WHEN SHE FOUND A NEW PARTNER

IT'S NOT WORTH STARTING OVER WITH THEM. THEY'D JUST MESS AROUND WITH ME.

BUT NOW THAT I'VE SINGLE-HANDEDLY MADE A MESS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP,

I'M GLAD SHE TALKED SOME SENSE INTO ME.

I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A REALLY MEAN GIRL.

YOU KNOW, KYOUKO-CHAN...

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IT'S NOT LIKE ANY GOOD'S GOING TO COME OF ACTING LIKE THAT, THOUGH.

I GUESS I'M JUST MAD AT MYSELF...

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE LIKE AT ALL!

KEEP OUR MEETING TODAY A SECRET, OKAY. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANY TROUBLE.

OKAY, GOT IT. I WANTED TO KEEP IT A SECRET TOO, ANYWAY.

DOESN'T BOTHER ME.

SORRY, I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

SO, YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MAMI-SAN TOO... THAT'S A RELIEF.

WHA-?

SO I GUESS THAT MAKES US SECRET FRIENDS, RIGHT?

S-SURE...

COMPLETELY HONEST WITH EACH OTHER, OKAY?

LET'S KEEP BEING FRIENDS UNTIL WE CAN BE

We talked about all sorts of things.

After that, I met up with Kyouko-chan occasionally.

SAYAKA-CHAN ALWAYS MAKES US LAUGH LIKE THAT, BUT SHE ALSO WORRIES ABOUT US MORE THAN ANYONE.

Ahaha

SHE REALLY IS VERY FOOLISH...

WHENEVER SHE GETS IN ONE OF THOSE MOODS, SHE TENDS TO LET HER GUARD DOWN.

NOT THAT SHE NOTICES, OF COURSE.

Mami-san, one of them is getting away...

And that's "Legare Vasta Aria"

MAMI-SAN IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN I THOUGHT AT FIRST...

I'M GLAD I GOT TO LEARN HOW HIGHLY YOU THINK OF MAMI-SAN.

AND ALSO, KYOUKO -CHAN.

I THINK I REALLY MISUNDER-STOOD SAYAKA.

YOU KNOW, I'M GLAD I GET TO TALK WITH YOU.

THAT'S NOT HAPPENING.

YOU SHOULD JOIN MAMI-SAN TOO...

...COME ON...

ME TOO, I THINK I CAN BE BETTER FRIENDS WITH MAMI-SAN NOW.

WHO'D RISK THEIR LIVES FOR THOSE THINGS.

I DON'T WANT TO RISK MY LIFE TO HELP PEOPLE.

BEING A DEFENDER OF JUSTICE... MAKING OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY...

THERE REALLY AREN'T MANY PEOPLE

I WASN'T ONE OF THEM.

WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, I'M HEADING BACK TO KASAMINO.

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HONESTLY, I DON'T WANT SAYAKA TO ACT LIKE MAMI EITHER.

I'VE SEEN A LOT OF MAGICAL GIRLS, BUT NONE OF THEM WERE LIKE THAT BESIDES MAMI.

MAMI-SAN WOULDN'T...

IT'D BE UNPLEASANT FOR HER.

I BET SHE WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE A GHOST FROM HER PAST AROUND HERE ALL THE TIME.

DON'T STICK YOUR NOSE INTO THIS ANY FURTHER.

BUT IF YOU TALK IT OVER WITH MAMI-SAN, I'M SURE SHE'LL UN DERSTAND...

YOU MIGHT'VE GOTTEN IN A FIGHT ONCE,

DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU, KYOUKO -CHAN?

I GET IT.... YOU WANT TO MAKE UP WITH HER AND FIGHT ALONGSIDE HER AGAIN, DON'T YOU?

GO HOME ALREADY, YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY YOUR FAMILY.

YOU'VE GOT SCHOOL TOMORROW, DON'T YOU?

...DON'T WORRY ABOUT MAMI AND SAYAKA.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THEM, I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

YOU HAVE A HAPPY LIFE WAITING FOR YOU AT HOME, DON'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED.

I KEPT TALKING ABOUT HOW IT'D BE NICE IF EVERYBODY WAS FRIENDS,

BUT I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

I'M SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU.

I'VE THOUGHT A LOT SINCE THEN.

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING FOR ME TO DO.

BUT NOW, I'M DIFFERENT.

FOR THE SAKE OF ALL MY FRIENDS, I'LL BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL.

FOR SAYAKA-CHAN'S SAKE...

SAYAKA-CHAN WAS ALWAYS THE ONE SAVING ME.

NOW THAT SAYAKA-CHAN IS IN TROUBLE, I'VE GOT TO HELP HER OUT.

I WAS ALWAYS DISTANT FROM THEM, NEVER REALLY BEING MYSELF.

AND I LEFT YOU ALONE TO WATCH OVER SAYAKA-CHAN.

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT

IF I WAS WITH YOU THEN, WE COULD'VE SAVED SAYAKA-CHAN FROM THE WITCH...

I FINALLY KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO.

BUT...

THAT'S WHY-

YOU SHOULDN'T DO IT.

IF YOU BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE, THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN YOUR OWN WISH COMES BACK TO BITE YOU.

I UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO SAVE MIKI-SAN...

BUT IF YOU BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL, YOU'D BE IN DANGER OF FACING THE SAME FATE AS HER.

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD BEAR TO LOSE YOU TOO...

JUST FOR SAYAKA-CHAN'S SAKE.

BUT YOU KNOW? I'M NOT GOING TO BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL

...I FIGURED YOU'D SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

I WANT YOU TO GO BACK TO BEING AN ORDINARY GIRL.

I KNOW THAT BEING A MAGICAL GIRL ISN'T ALL FUN AND GAMES.

THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO ACCORDING TO PLAN.

BUT FROM WATCHING YOU AND SAYAKA-CHAN, I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT ALL PAIN AND SUFFERING EITHER.

BUT YOU'VE BEEN BEARING WITH ALL THAT PAIN ALL ALONE

FOR THE WHOLE TIME YOU'VE BEEN PROTECTING THIS TOWN, SINCE BEFORE WE MET.

SOMETIMES, I THINK ABOUT JUST HOW HARD IT MUST BE TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL

WITHOUT A FAMILY THAT WILL SAY "GOOD MORNING!" OR "WELCOME HOME!" TO YOU...

I'M SURE YOU COULDN'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT HOW LONELY YOU WERE.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT IT'D BE LIKE IF I WAS IN YOUR SHOES...

...I START CRYING.

YOU MUST'VE ALWAYS HELD BACK

FROM DOING EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO DO.

I WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE ALL THOSE ORDINARY PLEASURES.

YOU CAN JOIN A CLUB...

YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT SCHOOL,

TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE PAIN YOU'VE SUFFERED SO FAR.

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO HAVE A NORMAL LIFE

I CAN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A MAGICAL GIRL,

AND I CAN'T GIVE YOU YOUR FAMILY BACK...

BUT WHAT I CAN DO IS FIGHT IN YOUR STEAD.

...I CAN'T

...PLEASE, NO..

I DON'T WANT TO KILL WITCHES ANYMORE!

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT ANYMORE!

I DON'T...

DON'T WORRY, EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING EVERYBODY IN THIS TOWN.

THANK YOU, MAMI-SAN.

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING US.

You needn't worry anymore, Mami

For Kaname Madoka held within her a tremendous power, greater even than yours.

Tomoe Mami never once held my hand.

WE'VE GOT TO DO OUR BEST TO PROTECT THIS TOWN

JUST LIKE MAMI-SAN DID.

WHAT'S WRONG, MADOKA?

...SORRY.

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT MAMI-SAN.

...AH. THAT'S ROUGH.

THAT'S WHAT WE DECIDED WHEN WE BECAME MAGICAL GIRLS.

NO MATTER WHAT, WE WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.

Tomoe Mami's actions led Kaname Madoka to forge a contract.

Kaname Madoka became a magical girl for Miki Sayaka's sake.

In the end, Tomoe Mami left a message behind and destroyed her own Soul Gem.

As long as Madoka is alive...

HOMURA -CHAN?

I don't need anyone to understand me.

I let my guard down like a fool.

Just because her circumstances were a bit similar to mine

...
MADOKA.

WHAT'S WRONG?

EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY, HOMURA-CHAN.

I MADE A PROMISE WITH MAMI-SAN.

I SWORE THAT I'D PROTECT EVERYBODY.

SO...

THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH.

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO ESCAPE.

IF YOU FIGHT THE WALPURGIS-NACHT, YOU'LL...

WHAT'RE YOU ALL GLOOMY ABOUT, HOMURA?

IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO IT!

YOU'VE DONE THIS LONGER THAN ANY OF US, YOU CAN'T GET WEAK IN THE KNEES NOW!

AM I REALLY THAT UNRELIABLE?

...MIKI SAYAKA.

AND PLUS, I WAS ABLE TO GET PAST EVERYTHING THAT WAS WEIGHING ME DOWN.

SHE SAVED ME FROM BEING KILLED BY A WITCH AND ALL.

I WANT TO PROTECT MADOKA TOO, YOU KNOW.

...BUT ANYWAY, YOU SAVED ME ONCE TOO. I'VE GOT A DEBT TO REPAY.

WELL... I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER MUCH FROM WHEN SHE SAVED ME...

AND I SURE AS HECK WILL REPAY IT!

LET'S GO.

...I UNDER-STAND.

MADOKA, I WILL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT.

NO, I'M GOING TO PROTECT HER!

LET'S GO!

there is just one thing I must achieve.

No matter how many times I have to go back in time...

I'm not going to give up without a fight.

HEY, MAMI...

Dear all: First off, I must apologize.

ARE WE REALLY GONNA EAT ALL OF THIS?

I'm sorry that I cannot be there to help you out.
Please forgive me for becoming unable to kill witches.

SAYAKA WILL BE COMING TOO!

I CALLED EVERYBODY OVER, OBVIOUSLY!

I DON'T THINK EVEN I COULD FINISH THIS OFF...

IN THAT CASE, MAKE UP!

TEA TASTES TERRIBLE WHEN YOU'RE UNHAPPY.

WE'VE KIND OF BEEN FIGHTING LATELY, Y'KNOW.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT'S NOT JUST GOING TO BE THE TWO OF US.

LISTEN.

FIGURE OUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE UP WITH HER BEFORE I GET BACK.

IF YOU CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING, YOU DON'T GET ANY CAKE!

WHAT!?

...AH! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HERE!

Though our acquaintance was short, I am glad to have met all of you.

...THAT'S CRAZY TALK

...AAAND SHE'S NOT LIS-TENING.

I thought that being a magical girl was nothing but loneliness and pain,

....EH?

but thanks to all of you, I'm no longer lonely.

OH NO... THEY'RE BACK ALREADY...

I ONLY CALLED MY FRIENDS OVER

BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY'D BE LATE...

...OH, WHATEVER.

...BUT...

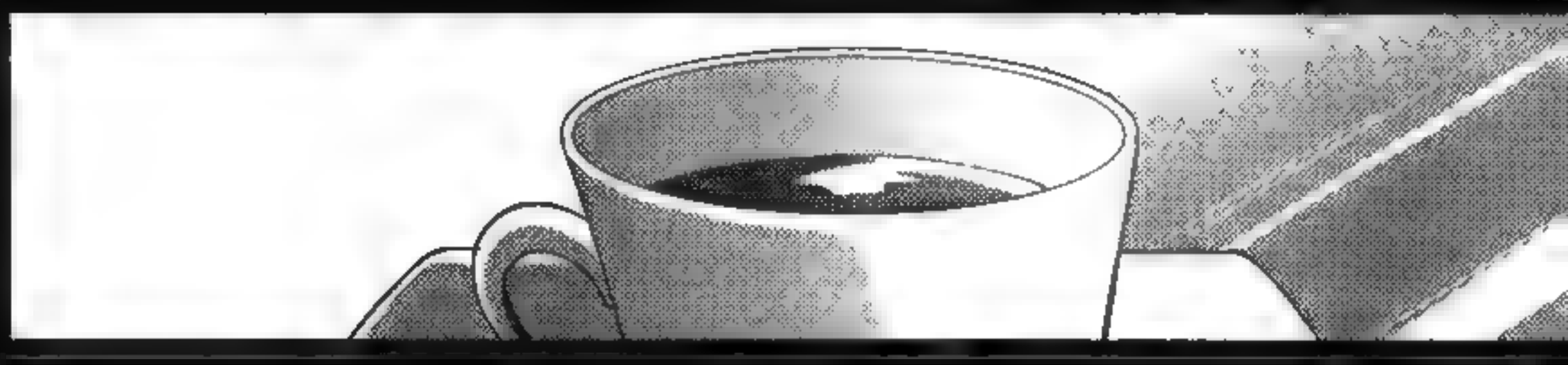
We quarreled at times... but I think that was also for the best.

LET'S ALL EAT TOGETHER!

Thanks to all of you.

WELCOME HOME!

I realized that there were people who would care about me.



If I could make a wish

I would wish to meet all of you
in a world without witches.

Mahou Shoujo Madoka Magica ~The different story~ Fin

Thank you very much for reading all the way to the end of the final volume.

This Madoka Magica spinoff, "The different story", was written starting with the question, "What if Tomoe Mami survived through episode 3?".

When I was drawing this, I exercised some self-restraint and avoided drawing scenes as merciless as in the manga adaptation of the original anime. ...Or at least I tried to, but this work is just as merciless, albeit in somewhat different ways. I'm truly sorry for that. I thought you might find it interesting to think about what is gained and what is lost in a zero-sum world where hope and despair cancel out. I would be thrilled to see this spinoff received as just another work that enhances the stature of the original anime.

If you found yourself depressed by this manga, please consider refreshing yourself with Kirara Magica or the various Anthologies, also published by Houbunsha!

This group didn't show up in the story, but I feel that this trio - the teacher and her two students - could give rise to infinite possibilities. I hope that this group becomes more popular among the various readers.

~The different story~

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